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SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM

DRAFT RESOLUTION

ON

**“ACTING AGAINST CORRUPTION IN THE OSCE REGION
TO STRENGTHEN THE RULE OF LAW”**

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1. Acknowledging that corruption remains a problem in the OSCE region and poses a serious threat to democracy, human rights, and the rule of law,
2. Noting that corruption poses a hazard to the good functioning of public institutions and diverts public action aimed at supporting the interests of a nation as a whole,
3. Recalling that corruption disrupts the legislative process, affects the principles of legality and legal rights, introduces a degree of arbitrariness in decision-making, has a devastating effect on human rights, and undermines citizen's trust in public institutions,
4. Stressing that legislation should ensure maximum transparency in political, administrative and economic life,
5. Underlining that the necessary legislative improvements must be accompanied by a shift in general attitudes towards corruption to clearly recognizing it as an intolerable practice,
6. Recognizing the important role of the media, NGOs, and civil society in contributing to fostering a public culture that tracks and denounces the phenomenon,
7. Encouraging the OSCE PA to make the fight against corruption one of its priority activities for 2016-2017, as part of the broader effort to restore public confidence in the efficiency of democratic institutions,

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly:

8. Calls upon the OSCE participating States to be at the forefront of the fight against corruption;
9. Urges the OSCE participating States to review their legislation concerning the fight against corruption, keeping in mind that national legislation should ensure a maximum of transparency in political, administrative, and economic life;
10. Emphasizes the importance of all acts of active and passive corruption being criminalized and offences relating to corruption being clearly defined and distinguished from other offences;
11. Welcomes the OSCE participating States to engage in international co-operation against corruption, *inter alia*, following the "money trail" left by electronic transfers to aid each

other to recuperate funds generated by corrupt practices, and taking action against banks which assist in hiding illegal gains;

12. Calls upon the OSCE participating States to bear in mind the gender dimension of corruption and mainstream gender equality into its anti-corruption monitoring activities;
13. Encourages the strengthening of the parliamentary dimension of the fight against corruption among national parliaments by taking stock of national anti-corruption initiatives and sharing good practices on working methods and approaches to tackling corruption effectively.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT to the DRAFT RESOLUTION

on

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[Set out text of Amendment here:]

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